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REF: A) QUITO 4594, JUNE 28, 1976; B) QUITO 2027,
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1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA,
COMMERCE APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO FISHERIES
REPORTING AND IS GLAD TO COMPLY WITH REQUEST IN REF A.

2. NMFS WILL POUCH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO THE EMBASSY;

A) LISTS OF U.S. SEAFOOD IMPORTERS IN NEW YORK AND
CALIFORNIA. THESE LISTS INDICATE THE SPECIES IMPORTED BY
EACH FIRM. LISTS OF U.S. SEAFOOD IMPORTERS IN OTHER
AREAS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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B) THE MOST RECENT "MARKET OUTLOOK" REPORTS ON "FOOD FISH", "SHELLFISH", AND "INDUSTRIAL FISHERY PRODUCTS". THESE REPORTS CONTAIN EXTENSIVE DATA ON PRICES, PRODUCTION, EXPORTS, AND MARKET PROSPECTS OF THE SPECIES MENTIONED IN REF A.

C) "BASIC ECONOMIC INDICATORS", REPORTS CONTAINING DETAILED INFORMATION ON TUNA, GROUND FISH, OYSTERS, AND LOBSTER.

D) A REPORT ENTITLED "PRICES RECEIVED BY FISHERMEN, 1939-74" WHICH DETAILS PRICE FLUCTUATIONS ON THE U.S. MARKET.

E) LISTS OF SHIPMENTS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS DETAINED BY THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE AND A DRAFT REPORT OF ALL ECUADORIAN AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN SEAFOOD SHIPMENTS DETAINED BETWEEN OCTOBER, 1975 AND MARCH, 1976. DATA ON THE SHIPPER, PORT OF ENTRY, VALUE, QUANTITY, AND REASON FOR THE DETENTION IS PROVIDED.

F) A REPORT PREPARED BY NMFS'S FISHERY PRODUCTS INSPECTION AND SAFETY DIVISION ENTITLED "HOW TO EXPORT FISHERY PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES". THE REPORT CONTAINS DETAILS ON CURRENT U.S. LAWS AND REGULATIONS, LABELING STANDARDS, FOOD ADDITIVES, ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, THE SANITARY CONTROL OF SHELLFISH, AND THE VOLUNTARY INSPECTION PROGRAM.

G) THE 1975 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE U.S. FISHING INDUSTRY.

3. THIS MATERIAL AND A GREAT DEAL OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS ALSO PROVIDED BY NMFS IN THE BRIEFINGS CONDUCTED FOR FISHERIES OFFICIALS ING. SIMON PEREZ AND ECON. FLAUBERT ZUNIGA DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S. (REF B).

4. IF ADDITIONAL DETAILS OR ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS CONCERNING EXPORTING SEAFOOD PRODUCTS TO THE U.S. ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE ADVISE NMFS. KISSINGER

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